



# home

[noun] the place where you live, or a building for living in:  
*Jenny showed us round her home? • There was no one at home? • There are some nice homes for sale.*

[adverb] to or at the place where you live: *I took the bus home? • I'll be home in an hour.*

## Grammar patterns

### 1 (preposition) | (+ zero determiner) | + home

*Home is where the heart is.  
She left home when she was 19.  
I won't be at home on Monday.*

▲ to talk about home as an idea

### 2 determiner | + home

*I'd love to have my own home.  
They have a second home in France.  
Help us find a home for this dog.*

▲ to talk about home as a specific thing

### 3 state verb | + home verb of movement | + home

*Is there anybody home?  
I normally go home after work.  
Can you take me home?*

▲ to talk about being at, or moving to, the place where you live

## Collocations

Home qualifies many nouns, to mean 'belonging to your home or family'. Some common collocations are:

*home town  
home team  
home life (life at home and with the family)  
home visit (a visit to your home by a doctor)  
home base (the place where an organization is based)  
home ground (near where you live)  
home help (someone who assists old people at home)  
home address  
home (telephone) number  
home page (the first page of a website)  
home movie (a movie made at home)*

## Set phrases

- **make your self at home.**  
*Take your coat off. Sit down. Make yourself at home.*  
▲ a way of making a visitor welcome in your home.
- **on the way home** = travelling in the direction of home  
*Where are you? ~ I'm on the way home.*
- **back home** = in my country  
*Back home petrol costs half as much.*
- **home and dry**  
*There's still ten minutes left before the final whistle.  
Our team is not home and dry yet.*  
▲ to talk about someone succeeding in doing something.
- **feel at home**  
*I really feel at home in New Orleans.*  
▲ to feel relaxed in a particular place.

## Exercises

### 1 Complete these sentences by using the correct preposition – or NO preposition (–).

- 1 A funny thing happened \_\_\_ my way home.
- 2 We rang and rang but there was no one \_\_\_ home.
- 3 If you're not feeling well you should go \_\_\_ home.
- 4 He's 43 but he still lives \_\_\_ home.
- 5 I left \_\_\_ home aged 18 and started travelling.
- 6 Put your feet up. Make yourself \_\_\_ home.

### 2 Can you complete these song titles? Use words from the list.

country	range
grass	leaving
nobody	bound

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ home. (Pink Floyd)
- 2 The green green \_\_\_\_\_ of home. (Tom Jones)
- 3 She's \_\_\_\_\_ home. (Beatles)
- 4 Homeward \_\_\_\_\_. (Simon and Garfunkel)
- 5 Take me home \_\_\_\_\_ roads. (John Denver)
- 6 Home on the \_\_\_\_\_. (State song of Kansas)

1. on; 2. at; 3. -; 4. at; 5. -; 6. at  
1. Nobody; 2. grass; 3. leaving; 4. bound; 5. country; 6. range

Answers